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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A magnetic recording and reproduction apparatus
includes a pivotable arm section; an arm pivoting center
shaft for supporting the pivoting center of the arm section;
a capstan section for driving a magnetic tape so as to run;
a pinch roller provided on the arm section for pressing the
magnetic tape to the capstan section; and an extendable and
compressable section extendable so as to be wound around
10 the arm pivoting center shaft in accordance with the pivoting
of the arm section and compressable so as to retract from
the arm pivoting center shaft in accordance with the pivoting
of the arm section.